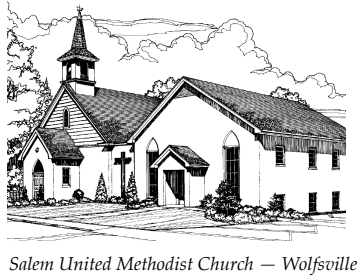


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200 YEARS
 of ministry in Wolfsville
 1819-2019

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 Part 10
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Always the Second Saturday in September

60th Annual

LORD'S ACRE
Festival
WOLFVILLE RURITAN PARK
SAT, SEPT 14, 2-6 PM
 Auction to follow • beginning at 6 pm

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



Lord's Acre Featured Quilt
 The quilt will be on display at the Lord's Acre, Sept. 14, beginning at 2 p.m. and will be the last item sold at the auction which begins at 6 p.m.

Home-Style Food (2:00-6:00 p.m.)

- Homemade Soups**
- Beef Vegetable
 - Ham Bean
 - Turkey Noodle
- Sandwiches**
- Country Ham
 - Turkey Salad
 - Hot Beef (Steamer/Sloppy Joe)
 - Hot Dog, Chili Dog, Kraut Dog
 - Pulled Pork

- French Fries**
Baked Goods (cookies, pies, cakes, more)
Ice Cream (South Mountain Creamery)
Soft drinks, iced tea, coffee, and water

Crafts & Fancy Needlework (2:00-6:00 p.m.)
 A wide variety of handmade fancy needlework and craft items will be on sale.

Produce (2:00-6:00 p.m.)
 Fresh produce, fruits & vegetables.

Flea Tables (2:00-6:00 p.m.)
 Donated household items and books.

Children & Youth Activities (2:00-6:00 p.m.)
 Games & other activities with prizes.

Silent Auction 2:00-5:00 p.m.
 Donated items.

Music
Works in Progress Praise Band
 (Contemporary Christian)
 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Randy Sowers
 (Country Gospel)
 4:00 p.m.

Live Auction 6:00 p.m.
 Featured quilt and numerous unsold items.
 Robert A. Wilson, Auctioneer



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 244
2019 New Members: 6

Salem Physical Facilities:
Church built 1847
Educational Building built 1967
Parsonage built 1974–75

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Purpose of Newsletter:
The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communicating with our members, their families, and our many friends of the Wolfsville community and surrounding areas. We pray that this newsletter will inspire you, our readers, to regularly attend worship services, Sunday School, and all other activities of the church. For those who are unable to attend, this newsletter is a means of bringing part of the church to you.

Salem Mission Statement:
At Salem, with God's help, we pledge to INVITE others to Christ, HELP each other grow in faith, and SERVE those in need in our congregation, the community, and the world.

Salem Vision Statement:
We will direct our efforts out into the community to serve people's needs and bring them to Christ.



2019 MISSION PROJECTS

2019 Goal

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	\$2,460
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes)	45
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (local needs)	1,180
4. Wolfsville Elementary School PTA - "All Pro Families Breakfast"	900
5. Wolfsville Community Food Pantry at Salem	1,180
6. Mary E. (AIM - France)	1,320
7. United Methodist Board of Child Care Christmas Offering	750
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	300
9. Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes	300
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic)	780
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	600
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania)	456
13. Hero's Club after school ministry	4,500
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	420
TOTAL GOAL for 2019	\$15,191

Here's how you can give . . .

1. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash in an envelope marked "Missions."
2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.

3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem.

If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

MISSION PROJECTS - NEWS & UPDATES

Salem Mission Project No. 10

The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic)

Dear Friends:

We are pleased to report an event held recently in one of the bateys. The event was a celebration of family and a call to strengthen the family unit through a relationship with Jesus Christ. It was a collaborative event organized by pastors from local churches in the bateys in conjunction with Wilton Gomez, from this ministry. This is one example of how we seek to support local pastors and the communities in which they serve.



Without the support of people like you, we would be unable to have any impact in these communities. Through your generosity, families are being strengthened by God's word. —Marty Hogan, Executive Director, Westminster, MD

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

Sunday
7am - 1 pm Prep, worship, Sunday School (at church)
6 - 7 pm Bible Study (at church)

Monday (day off)
6-7 am Devotions (at home)
9-11 am Planning Time (at home)
5-6 pm Hero's Club (at church)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
6-7 am Devotions (at home)
9 am - Noon Parsonage Office
Noon - 1 pm Lunch
1-5 pm Visitation, meetings, or parsonage office

Saturday
7-9 am Final touches on Sunday's sermon (at home)

Also, Pastor Bob will be at church or in homes to attend meetings or check-in on evening activities at the church. He will make hospital visits and other visits as situations arrive. He will be working at home in Myersville, at the parsonage office, or elsewhere, as needed.

Salem’s Annual Community Event — Saturday, Sept. 14



Lord’s Acre Music



Randy Sowers
Country Gospel at 4:00 p.m.



Works in Progress Community Praise Band
Front row, from left: Susie Stottlemeyer, Michael Burrier, Lori Williamson, Jim Laky;
back row: Donna Snyder and Josh Koons. Contemporary Praise at 2:30 & 5:00 p.m.

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Silent Auction (2:00-5:00 pm)

Amy McCormick will be in charge of the silent auction this year. If you have items to donate, please contact Amy prior to Lord’s Acre day.

Flea Tables (2:00-6:00 pm)

Donations of used household items (in good condition), books (with no bad language). Any plants will be sold in the produce area. Also, new this year, items will not be priced, and will be sold by donation only. Contact: Polly Doyle

Children’s Activities (2:00-6:00 pm)

Children’s games where everyone gets a prize. Contact: Kathy Laky

Live Auction at 6:00 p.m.

Robert Wilson will be the auctioneer at this year’s auction. The featured quilt will be auctioned along with other donated items and numerous unsold items.

Free Admission & Free Parking

There is no entrance fee or parking fee to attend the Lord’s Acre Festival. If weather permits, parking will be available on the nearby ball field. The parking lot near the pavilion will be reserved for handicap parking.

Rain or Shine

The Lord’s Acre Festival will be held rain or shine. The large pavilion provides cover in case of rain.

What is a Lord’s Acre Festival?

In 1930, the Lord’s Acre idea began in western North Carolina as a means of raising funds for small country churches. A portion or “acre” of a church member’s land was set aside to raise crops to be sold to benefit the church. Even livestock was dedicated. Those without land could set aside a portion of their needlework, craft items, or any other saleable talent they possessed. The Lord’s Acre Festival is a sale of those donations.

Salem’s Lord’s Acre Festival, which began in 1960, was first held in the old Wolfsville School where Salem’s parsonage now stands. In 1970, the festival was moved to the Ruritan Park where it has grown to what it is today.

Donations to Lord’s Acre 2019

Nearly everything on sale is donated by church members, friends, or members of the community. Thank you for your generosity. Folks who are unable to donate a sale item may wish to make a financial contribution instead.

If you would like to make a financial contribution and are unable to attend, you may use the convenience of online giving at SalemChurchWolfsville.org/give. All profits from the Lord’s Acre Festival are placed into Salem’s Building and Improvement Fund, and are used to maintain and improve Salem’s facilities. All contributions are tax deductible. Salem’s ministries are making a difference in the Wolfsville community and beyond.

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Directions to the Wolfsville Ruritan Park

- **From Myersville:** Take Route 17 north to Wolfsville 4-way stop. Turn right onto Stottlemeyer Road, then first left onto Brandenburg Hollow Road. Festival is on the left.
- **From Smithsburg:** Take Route 17 south to Wolfsville 4-way stop. Turn left onto Stottlemeyer Road, then first left onto Brandenburg Hollow Road. Festival is on the left.
- **From Frederick:** Take Route 40 west. Turn right on Route 17 to Wolfsville 4-way stop. Turn right onto Stottlemeyer Road, then first left onto Brandenburg Hollow Road.
- **From Hagerstown:** Take Route 40 east. Turn left onto Pleasant Walk Road to Wolfsville 4-way stop. Proceed straight onto Stottlemeyer Road, then first left onto Brandenburg Hollow Road. Festival is on the left.
- **From Thurmont:** Take Route 77 west to Stottlemeyer Road. Turn left onto Stottlemeyer Road. Turn right onto Brandenburg Hollow Road. Festival is on the left.

Attendance Offerings

July 2019

	Worship*		Sunday School	
July 7	45	\$2,277.75	42	\$368.29
July 14	80	1,773.00	44	70.00
July 21	100	2,126.00	47	113.66
July 28	130	4,843.25	60	154.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
July	97	48
June	84	45
May	79	51
Apr	95	50
Mar	84	50

Average Attendance Jan-July 2019

Sunday Worship: 86
Sunday School: 49

- Missions: \$4,421.00
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$225.00
 - Building Fund: \$3,756.00
 - Building Addition: \$1,504.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)*

Walk with us— You can help end hunger!

By Fonda Gormer, CROP Coordinator

The Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, September 22, starting at 1:30 p.m. at Salem UMC in Wolfsville. Registration for the 5-mile walk begins at 1 p.m.

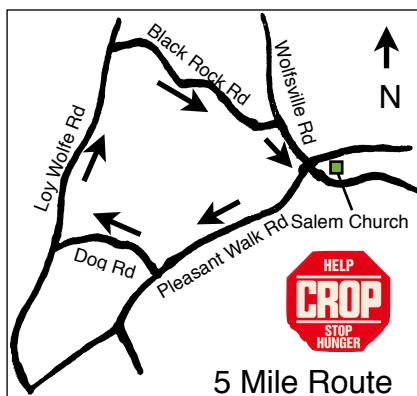
We have been walking for hunger relief in the Wolfsville and Myersville area since at least 1988. The walk is a great opportunity to enjoy our country roads in the fall, while reaching out to others.

What is a CROP Hunger Walk? It's an interfaith event that builds community while raising funds to end hunger in our own community and also around the world. Each walker gathers sponsors and turns in any funds raised on the day of the event. Everyone is welcome to join!

Your participation impacts individuals and families in more than 85 countries. In many developing nations, people can walk up to six miles a day to get food and water. One in nine people worldwide lack access to clean water and a healthy diet. We walk to be in solidarity, bring awareness to these issues and raise the funds for permanent change.

Local food programs— the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, the Middletown Food Bank and Salem's own food pantry— receive 25% of all funds raised by the walk.

The remainder of the funds raised is distributed by Church World Service to support long-term development projects to provide education, income, clean water and food-growing opportunities.



\$25 supplies seeds and tools for a community garden to improve nutrition. \$100 provides 200 chicks for families, as a self-propagating food source.

\$110 can give emergency food supplies for a family of five for one month.

\$300 can provide 15 bio-sand filters that help prevent the spread of disease.

\$1,000 can support 10 women with small grants to jump-start their business. \$3,000 can install 3 water pumps and train local residents to maintain them.

Funds are also used to help meet the special needs of refugees and provide emergency relief in times of natural disasters.

Walkers are needed. If you would like to participate, or if you want to make a donation, or for sponsor records or information, contact me at 301-293-2436, or email at fonda.gormer@comcast.net.

Get out your walking shoes and we'll see you on September 22!

Worship Through Giving — Tithes & Offerings

By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

The scriptures tell us we will be blessed by our giving ministry and God will be pleased (Deuteronomy 15:10).

Giving tithes and offerings is a part of our spiritual worship. We don't give in order to get. We give to make an impact; we give to make a difference in people's lives; we give to further the ministry of Christ (2 Corinthians 9:7).

..... WAYS TO GIVE

◆ Worship Services Plate Offering

Give by cash or check during any of our worship services. If you give cash and would like it to be reflected on your year-end giving statement, please use an offering envelope.

◆ By Mail

You may mail your tithes and offerings to Church Treasurer, Salem United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 94, Myersville, MD 21773. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church.

◆ Electronically Online (Safe & Secure)

Salem is now offering the convenience of online giving. Go to our church website and select GIVE. Create an account on the secure server at Vanco Payment Solutions, a United Methodist endorsed service. You may set up recurring giving, e.g., weekly, monthly, or give one time. Funds will be automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. No more checks to write and you may change your giving amount at any time. This is a personal choice. Salem members who have already signed up for electronic giving are pleased with the service.



September

Calendar of Events

- Sun 1 Blessing of the Backpacks** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Tue 3 Staff Parish Relations Committee** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 5 Bee-lievers Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem

Lord's Acre Festival Preparations:

- Thu 12 Soup making** - 8:00 a.m. at Ruritan Park
- Fri 13 Fruit Pie making** - 9:00 a.m. at Salem
- Fri 13 Cream Pie making** - 5 p.m. at Ruritan Park
- Fri 13 Set-up** - 5 p.m. at Ruritan Park
- Sat 14 Sandwich making** - 7 a.m. at Ruritan Park

60th Annual Lord's Acre Festival

- Sat 14 Lord's Acre Festival Day** - 2:00-6:00 p.m., auction follows at 6 pm
- Thu 19 Church Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 22 Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk** - 1:00 p.m. registration at Salem, 1:30 p.m. walk begins and ends at Salem
- Sun 29 Annual Church Conference** - 5:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion, Myersville

Recurring Events: Food Pantry is open every TUESDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Salem
 Praise Band practices every THURSDAY at 7:00 p.m. at Salem
 The church is cleaned FRIDAY or SATURDAY every week

Newsletter Distribution

- 1. E-Mail** — We are currently notifying 208 of our readers via e-mail when our newsletter is posted online. Our desire is to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible.
- 2. Pick Up Paper Copy at Church** — We are printing 85 copies for members who do not have e-mail and can pick up their copies at church.
- 3. First Class Mail** — We are mailing up to 30 copies, using the 55 cents First Class postage rate.

Annual Church Conference Set for September 29th

The Cumberland-Hagerstown District Superintendent, Rev. John Wunderlich, has announced the Fall 2019 Church Conference schedule.

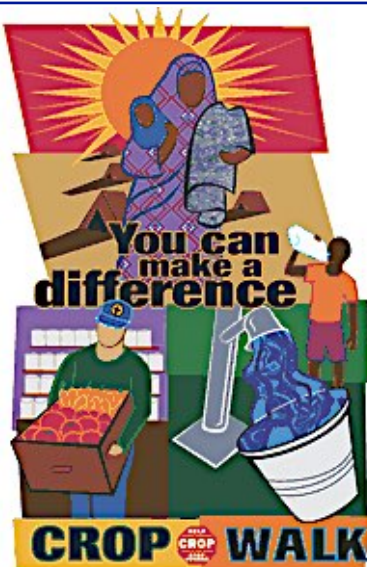
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 603 Main Street, Myersville, will host this year's conference on Sunday evening, September 29, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

Four local churches will be participating: Salem: Wolfsville, Pleasant Walk, Mt. Zion: Sabillasville, and Mt. Zion: Myersville.

Each church will share a review of the current mission and ministry of their church and their future goals. Numerous reports will be submitted and church leaders for 2020 will be approved.



Rev. John Wunderlich
 District Superintendent
 Cumberland-Hagerstown District



Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Walk • Sept. 22, 2019



Photo by Michael Burrier

Salem has activity bags for kids to enjoy during worship services. During Children's Time, Pastor Bob showed what's inside each bag — including some cool sunglasses!

Who's Doing What, When?

SEPTEMBER

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Readers 1 - Fonda Gormer 8 - Melissa Thornton 15 - Wanda Barkdoll 22 - Mary Cline 29 - Dennis Leatherman	Ushers 1 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 8 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 15 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 22 - Dan Lafferty & Brandon Leatherman 29 - Bill Buhrman & Dennis Draper	Music 1 - Susan Koons 8 - Praise Band 15 - Sara Weitzel 22 - Sara Weitzel 29 - Sara Weitzel
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Greeters 1 - Dennis Draper 8 - Joy Barkdoll & Michelle Kline 15 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 22 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman 29 - Amy & Paul McCormick	Acolytes 1 - Loralli Snyder 8 - Patrick Waite 15 - Nadia Lebowitz 22 - Valentina Barkdoll 29 - Valentina Barkdoll
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11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.	Music Sept 8 - Works in Progress Praise Band Sept 22 - Works in Progress Praise Band
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It's Your Day!

September Anniversaries

- 8 - David & Sharon Harshman
- 11 - H. Ronald & Judy Ellis
- 13 - Bill & Joyce Weaver
- 16 - Charles & Yvonne Reeder
- 17 - Steve & Joann Leatherman
- 20 - Mark & Hallie Burrier
- 26 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman
- 30 - Adam & Vicki Robinson

September Birthdays

- 2 - Dawn Brown
- 3 - Delores Myers
- 6 - Marilyn Leatherman
- 6 - Corey Carter
- 7 - Sarah Burrier
- 8 - David Harshman
- 9 - David Brandenburg
- 10 - Nevaeh Mellott
- 14 - Mary Cline
- 14 - Meredith Harshman
- 14 - Dan Lafferty
- 19 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 19 - Cody Leatherman
- 21 - Delilah Herrell
- 22 - Karyn Snyder
- 26 - Bobby Fogle
- 27 - Terri Buhrman
- 28 - Ella Grace Carter

NOTE: To have your anniversary or birthday added, contact Bill Burrier.

Lay Readers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to be Lay Readers during the 9:00 a.m. traditional worship service. If you would like to be added to the rotation, contact Pastor Bob.



Our Daily Bread Devotionals

Copies of the *Our Daily Bread* devotional are here for September through November 2019. Salem receives 60 copies and they are now available on the hallway table. The booklet includes a scripture and short devotional story for each day. If you would rather, the *Our Daily Bread* devotional is also available at Salem's website at SalemChurchWolfsville.org on your phone, tablet, or computer.

Holy Communion

Sunday, September 1, 2019
 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.



Sticky Buns & Pies For Sale

As a fundraiser for Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers," Anita Harshman is making sticky buns and pies.

- Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns: \$12
- Apple Pie: \$10
- Cherry or Peach: \$11
- Raspberry, Blueberry or Blackberry: \$13

You may purchase these items directly from Anita. To place an order, call Anita at 240-818-0126.

Revised April 2019



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



The Last Days of Summer

By Shirley Hile Powell

During the last days of summer
When the earth is dry and still,
Wind blows the first fallen leaves
Across the wooded hills.

The rose that brought such pleasure
Now bids a fond farewell
As it sheds its velvety petals
Across the grassy dell.

I must say goodbye to summer skies
And to fields of goldenrods,
And to daffodils that line the hills
With their slow and gentle nods.

Seasons come and seasons go
And I know that summer must surrender
To the beauty of the autumn
That fills the earth with splendor.

September Days

By Garnett Ann Schultz

September days are in between
The summer's gold — the autumn scene,
Last moments sweet of flowers in bloom
And high above a harvest moon
The birds still sing so happily
Within the magic maple tree.

September lends her tranquil charms
And tucks the summer in her arms.
So soon the autumn days will smile
And dress the trees in gorgeous style
The colors bright we hold so dear
When autumn comes to bless us here.

The changing seasons thrill each heart
With miracles that they impart,
To grasp and hold a magic rare
Before October trees are bare.
All nature has so much to lend
September days — at Summer's end.

The Trinity

Just like the leaves on each shamrock I see,
there are three parts to the Holy Trinity.
First is God the Father, then Jesus, His only Son,
and the Holy Spirit together as One.



RECIPE



Apple Pear Crisp

INGREDIENTS:

3 to 4 large apples, peeled and sliced (use baking apples)	1/2 cup sugar
3 to 4 large pears, peeled and sliced	1 tablespoon lemon juice
	1 tablespoon flour

TOPPING:

1 cup flour	1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup brown sugar	6 tablespoons cold butter
2/3 cup dry oats, quick or rolled (rolled have more texture)	

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large bowl, mix together apples, pears, sugar, lemon juice, and flour. Place in a greased 9 x 13 baking dish.
2. In the same bowl, mix dry topping ingredients.
3. Cut butter into chunks. Cut into dry topping ingredients with a pastry cutter or two knives. When topping resembles small peas, sprinkle over fruit mixture.
4. Bake uncovered at 375 degrees for 45 minutes.
Makes 6-8 servings.

Selected from "Fix-It and Enjoy-It! Cookbook" by Phyllis Pellman Good



United Methodist Back to School Blessing

By Rev. Marilyn E. Thornton

Bless my paper and my pen.
Guide my spirit deep within.
Help me think and help me play,
This whole school year, day by day.
As I move from class to class,
Guide my footsteps; clear my path.
Keep my tongue to speak your words.
Let your will for me be heard.
In every subject high or low,
May God's excellence be shown!
Keep me strong to reach the prize,
To grow in grace, becoming wise.

Whether far from home or near,
May I hold God's precepts dear.
To do my best at every task;
For this blessing, I do ask.
Help my family be a part
As I lift my mind and heart.
As I study, work, and pray,
Be with them throughout the day.
Of whom much is given, much is required.
May learning be your greatest desire!

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

God Has a Plan

By Frances Seymour

When my mind is filled with anxiety and doubt,
God has a plan.
When evil surrounds me,
And I'm feeling trapped,
God has a plan.
When I think of uncertainties,
That may lie ahead
God has a plan.
When I ponder circumstances that fill my heart with dread,
God has a plan.
When I think of the times I feel desperately alone,
God has a plan.
When I think of loved ones already gone,
I know, God has a plan.
When I think of the depth Of truth I must share,
God has a plan.
When I accept His ongoing love, mercy and care,
I know, God has a plan.

Selected from Fahrney-Keedy Chapel Service Bulletin



Message from the Pastor and Worship in September

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Last month's *Mountain Shepherd* listed annual community get-togethers: Garfield Church Picnic, Mt. Bethel Church Picnic, and St. Mark's Wolfsville Picnic.

What a wonderful thing it continues to be— to have these church-sponsored community events.

Salem's own Lord's Acre Festival is coming up on September 14th.

We are very thankful for the community's support of Lord's Acre over the years and we'll be putting forth our best effort to make it an enjoyable and successful event again this year. See you at Lord's Acre and have a great September!

Journeying with you. —Pastor Bob

September 1 Holy Communion "New Beginnings" John 8:1-11

John 8:11 – "Go now and leave your life of sin."

Another school year is beginning for families of school-aged children, and for all of us as we experience the shift.

The pace picks up, traffic is heavier on weekdays, and activities that have taken a break for the summer start back up again.

With the changes that occur, you could make a case for September 1 rather than January 1 being the start of the New Year.

September is a great time to re-evaluate our priorities as we make decisions around how to use our time.

In today's scripture reading, Jesus encouraged a person to go and leave her past life to begin a new life in Christ.

In September 2019, how is Jesus calling us to go and leave past things, in order to more fully live in him?

September 8 "Perseverance" Galatians 6:1-10

Galatians 6:9 – "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest."

We all go through periods where everything seems "up in the air." It's not true, of course, not everything is up in the air, but it can sure seem so sometimes.

Who will cover all the Lord's Acre jobs? Who will lead Hero's Club? How will we do Youth Group with less youth and a shift in ages? Who will Chair the Staff Parish Relations Committee and who will serve as trustees and be their leader?

Can a person be found to help us more effectively invite others to Christ and church? Will we be able to say, "Yes We Can!" to move forward with building an addition? In what ways can we go deeper and wider in inviting others, helping each other grow in faith, and serving those in need? How do we avoid burn out of our core group as we strive to bring others into deeper faith? — With God's help, by helping each other, with perseverance.

September 15 Jesus Sermon Series: "Introduction" John 3:16 - 21

John 3:17 – "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

Doesn't what we want impact how we live? The song "I Want Jesus" keeps going through my head, and the refrain "I want Jesus more than anything." Today we'll be introducing the Jesus Sermon Series. Wanting Jesus more than anything defines who we are and the life we will live. In this series, we'll learn more about who Jesus is and what

Jesus offers us by exploring the different phases of Jesus' life: Creation to Birth, Birth to Baptism, Baptism to Resurrection, and Resurrection to Return. The goal of our series is to live a good and full and meaningful life in Christ.

September 22 Jesus Sermon Series "Creation to Birth" John 1:1-18

John 1:14 – "The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

God loves us. God created us, and Jesus was there at creation. John 1:1-2 tells us, "In the beginning (creation) was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning."

That Jesus was present for us right from the start, and present ever since, now and always, helps us feel secure in life. That Jesus is always available to us, that we can always go to Jesus for help and care, is a great source of strength and hope in our lives.

No matter what we're going through, Jesus is here, we can go to him, and he will help us. Jesus' love and his power to deploy it for us make all the difference. The title of the song is right, "There Is Power in the Name of Jesus."

September 29 Jesus Sermon Series: "Birth to Baptism" Luke 2:41-52

Luke 2:52 – "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."

The Bible tells us very little about Jesus' growing up years. We do know some things about him as an infant. We know the birth story and we know about Jesus and his parents fleeing to Egypt to live there as foreigners, and we can infer things from those experiences.

We are also told that as a youth, at age 12, Jesus visited the temple and astonished the religious scholars with his knowledge of God and scripture. But the Bible doesn't directly tell us much more.

The Bible tells us that Jesus continued to grow. Jesus models this for us: to continue to grow no matter what our age.

And because Jesus experienced this growth himself, isn't he the one who can most help us continue to grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and people?

1819-2019

History of Salem United Methodist Church

Part 10 — A New Neighbor *and* the House Next Door

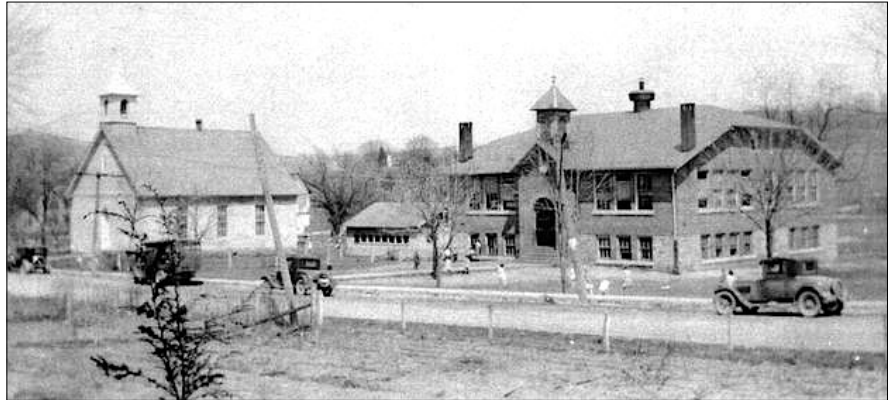
CELEBRATING
200 YEARS
of ministry in Wolfsville

■ By Fonda Gormer

After the sanctuary for Salem United Brethren in Christ Church was built in 1847, the village of Wolfsville grew. The Lutheran and Reformed Churches built sanctuaries near the town.

John and Susannah Hoover both died and were buried in the Hoover cemetery on the hill. Their stone house and barn passed to their son Gideon; next to Gideon's son, John Jacob Glossbrenner Hoover; and then to J.J.'s son, Asbury E. Hoover.

Through those 60 years, the meadow next to Salem remained a pasture for the Hoover cows. But that was about to change.



Circa 1930 — Salem Church, the "peepie coop", and Wolfsville School.

Wolfsville School Children

After the German school on the property near the current Ruritan Park was closed in 1838, Wolfsville school children were educated in a one-room school on current Black Rock Road, near the St. James Reformed Church cemetery.

That building was replaced in 1881 by a two-room frame school house nearby. The citizens began petitioning for a high school in 1903, though it was not approved at that time.

The village started its own "Academy" in September 1913, for students above 7th grade. They met in the old Grove carpentry shop at the corner of current Black Rock and Wolfsville Roads, until March 1914, when the building was set on fire and destroyed.

A replacement room was rented from Jacob Warrenfeltz, but it too burned in April 1914. The students met in the old Marken house between the creek and St. Mark's Lutheran Church for the remainder of the year.

In September 1914, the Academy classes began to meet in Baughman's Hall, a meeting room above the general store on the northeast corner of the "square" in Wolfsville.

New School House in Wolfsville

Finally in 1914, bids were opened for a four-room brick school house in Wolfsville. The land next door to Salem was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Hoover for

\$1,050. The sellers were to make a new fence at the rear of the school property. A portion of property was retained by Mr. Hoover for grazing his cattle.

Apparently there was some concern about the location of the building due to the wetness of the property.

It was decided to keep the same location, with a wooden floor in the basement rather than cement, and to put in drainage tile with not less than a two-foot air passage.

The building was constructed during the summer of 1915. The doors opened for classes in September with about 100 students. The four upstairs classrooms accommodated all the elementary students. Another room on the ground floor housed the Wolfsville High School. Water was obtained from a nearby spring.

Smaller Schools Consolidated

After the new school opened, a program consolidating smaller schools into larger ones began in the state of Maryland. Between 1922 and 1931, Poplar, Middlepoint, Woodland and Sensenbaugh schools were closed and their students bused to Wolfsville. The big school was bursting at the seams!

The abandoned portable building which last housed Poplar School was moved to the space between the school and Salem.

Because the structure resembled a

chicken house and was the classroom for the first graders, it was affectionately known as "the peepie coop."

There was discussion of building an addition, but eventually it was decided to close Wolfsville High School; and in 1931, the high school students were sent to Middletown. The first grade moved into the high school room.

In the fall of 1932, the portable classroom was removed to replace the burned-down school at Philip's Delight.

In 1939, the students from the Forrest School joined those at Wolfsville.

School Property Joins Salem's Lot on Two Sides

Salem's lot was surrounded on two sides by the school property, and separated by a fence. Swings, see-saws, and a sliding board were eventually built behind the sanctuary.

The ball field was further down in the meadow where Salem's pavilion is now located.

Mr. Hoover grazed his cattle on this rear playground during the summer months, driving them across the school ground to the stone barn across the road.

A playground and parking area, with the well in the middle, filled the space between the school and church.

By 1955, the school was again

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overcrowded, and the people of Wolfsville requested an addition.

The county Board of Education decided to build a new school instead. The new building opened in December 1958, and the abandoned school next to Salem was to be sold by sealed bids.

Salem Purchases School Property

Salem for years had wished to expand, but its lot was too small.

If the school property could be purchased, it would be possible to have a parking lot, an educational wing, and eventually a parsonage for a full-time pastor.

On January 7, 1959, the bids were opened. Salem was not the high bidder.

When the high bidder was informed that Mr. Asbury Hoover had always maintained a right-of-way for his cattle through the Wolfsville school property, the sale fell through.

The Board of Education had the restriction removed and again offered the school property for sale, this time at public auction. On July 29, 1959, Salem bought the building and 3.7 acres of land for \$5,650.

Salem's Educational Building

In July 1967, construction began on the two-story educational building, containing six classrooms, a secretary's office, restrooms, a kitchen and a large assembly area.

This addition, on the side of the sanctuary nearest the school building, was made possible by using part of the old playground. The building was connected to the school's well and septic system.

Sherman Kline and Sons, members of the congregation, were the builders. The building was dedicated on May 19, 1968.

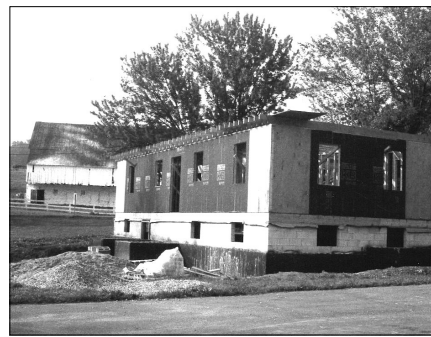
School Building Utilized by Salem

The school building was used by Salem for a variety of purposes. The first Lord's Acre Festival was held in the lower level of the building in 1960.

The youth fellowship held parties and meetings there. A wall was removed on the upper level to provide a basketball court. Vacation Bible School was held there.



1967 — Groundbreaking for Salem's educational building. Notice the fence line and edge of school playground in foreground.



1974 — Construction in progress for Salem's parsonage. The Hoover barn is in the background.



1968 — Salem's completed educational building with wrought-iron fence in front. The school is still standing in the background.

As the years passed, the condition of the building deteriorated. Some minor vandalism occurred. But the final straw happened at the 1968 Lord's Acre Festival, when someone's foot went through the wooden basement floor!

School Building Demolished

In April 1969, after much discussion and a congregational vote (34 for demolition, 7 against), the old brick school house next door was demolished and the site cleared.

The school's chalkboards were removed and installed in the classrooms in the new educational building. Some of the wooden chairs from the school were used in the classrooms as well.

Both the chalkboards and chairs are still in use. The vacant lot was used as a larger parking lot.

Parsonage Built on School Property

Finally, in 1974, the colonial style parsonage was constructed on the old Wolfsville School property. Dwight Morgan was the general contractor, with much of the work being done by church members. When completed in 1975, the Wolfsville Charge had housing for its first full-time pastor, Rev. Nelson Pittinger.

The three reasons for purchasing the Wolfsville School had been met. The new neighbor of 1915, was replaced with a residence for Salem's pastors.

So, as pastors change, there is still occasionally a new neighbor next door!

The next installment of Salem's history, in next month's *The Mountain Shepherd*, will take a look at some of the cooperative activities of the Wolfsville area churches that Salem took part in.

Scenes from the 200th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Nearly Every Aspect of Salem's Ministry was Involved in the Celebration

■ By Bill Burrier

When a Salem parishioner first saw the bulletin for the 200th anniversary celebration on July 28th, which included two morning services (9:00 and 11:15) plus Sunday School in between, a mid-afternoon service at 3:00 with a pilgrimage to the Hoover barn at 4:30, then dinner at 5:30 followed by an ice cream social, they remarked hesitantly, "Looks like we're going to spend all day in church." But when it was all over, they said they really enjoyed it— all of it.

That sentiment, it seems, was felt throughout, both audible and on social media. The day after, Salem's Facebook page included comments like, "It was a great day and great way to celebrate 200 years of worship and fellowship. I'm so blessed to be a part of it. A BIG thank you to everyone who helped make it happen. Love this church and community. God is good!"

Other comments were "Such a memorable celebration with great folks." Another said, "Rev. John Schildt, a former Salem pastor who spoke at our anniversary celebration, encouraged each of us to say "yes" when Jesus taps us on

the shoulder." Another said, "What a day! Salem Church's 200th anniversary celebration was a blessing. Thank you God for this church family and the opportunity to sing Your praises!"

We thank God for the good weather, sunny in the 80's, which made for a very pleasant and enjoyable day. We were honored to have with us two former pastors, Rev. Ron Ellis (1979-89) and Rev. John Schildt (1956-61).

Also with us were two ministerial sons, Frank Stottlemeyer, Jr., retired Senegal missionary, and Rev. Marvin Kline, retired United Methodist minister; pastors from neighboring churches, as well as representatives from the Wolfsville Elementary School, Ruritan Club, and former members. Also, with us was Rev. John Wunderlich, our new District Superintendent of the Cumberland-Hagerstown District of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Nearly every aspect of ministry was involved in the celebration. Preaching, prayer, scripture reading, some old hymns, music from adult and children's

choir, praise band, special music solos, puppet ministry, stories from adults who shared what Salem has meant in their lives. In a video we looked back at our youth fellowship of 1977, some of whom have grown to be leaders at Salem presently. A pilgrimage to Salem's birthplace, the now beautifully restored Hoover barn. And to top off the evening, a catered meal by Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont, and locally made ice cream from South Mountain Creamery, as the praise band played contemporary Christian favorites.

Our thanks to Pastor Bob Snyder for taking the lead on planning the event, with church council members assisting. Also, thanks to our photographers who did a great job capturing the event— Robin Haupt, Camilo Barkdoll, Marilyn Leatherman, Jerry Fiddes, Vernon Stottlemeyer, Wanda Barkdoll, and Fonda Gormer, who collectively captured 157 photos of the events.

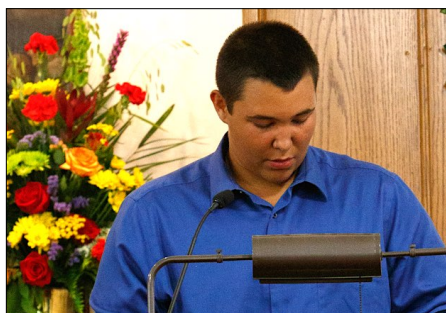
One last comment on social media certainly sums up the day, "What an incredible day of celebration! God has been so good to us."



Pastor Bob Snyder leading worship. The altar flowers were given by the Warrenfeltz Family in loving memory of Frank and Charlie Warrenfeltz, and Ruth Jackson.



Salem's ministerial son, Rev. Marvin Kline, retired United Methodist minister, had the opening prayer.



Noah, Salem's youth representative, read scripture from Acts 2 and Matthew 28.



Former Salem Pastor, Rev. John Schildt (1956-61) spoke on "The Ripple Effect."



Salem member Marlene Young sang a solo titled "Higher Ground."

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Salem member Bill Burrier introduced the video of the Youth Fellowship Time Capsule of 1977.



Salem's Children's Choir directed by Michele Kline sang two selections, "Old Time Religion" and "God is on the Move."



Salem members Joyce and Bill Weaver played period music as folks gathered in the barn.



Pilgrimage to the Hoover barn, Salem's birthplace. The barn was built in 1819. Salem's early meeting place was the Hoover house and barn. The barn was used for the big meetings.



At the service in the barn, Salem member Lori Williamson sang "I Can Only Imagine."



Following the service in the barn, folks proceeded to the pavilion for a catered evening meal.

Our sincere thanks to Jeff & Patty Hurwitz, owners of the beautifully restored Hoover barn, for allowing Salem to use the barn for part of its 200th anniversary celebration.

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District Superintendent Rev. John Wunderlich was introduced and asked the blessing on the meal.



A beautiful setting — Salem's pavilion and a rented tent are ready to accommodate 200 parishioners, along with Wolfsville community friends and neighbors, for a catered evening meal and ice cream social.



The Hamiltons enjoy the evening meal. Judy grew up in Wolfsville and shared memories of Salem.



The line forms to fill plates of fried chicken, hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, green beans, baked beans, cole slaw, cake, iced tea, lemonade, coffee, catered by Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont.



After the meal, Jessie and Cody relax and enjoy the beautiful evening.



Folks assemble at Salem's pavilion and under the tent, sharing stories and pleasantries. Many friends and neighbors from the Wolfsville community were invited to join Salem at the 200-year celebration.



Everyone enjoyed ice cream made locally by South Mountain Creamery.



Salem's praise band "Works in Progress" played two sets of music during the evening meal and the ice cream social.

Sunday School Classes

Every Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.



Children, Infant to 4 years

Teacher: *Caroline Buhrman*

Children, Grades K to 2

Teachers: *Michael & Jennifer Burrier*

Children, Grades 3 to 5

Teachers: *Kathy Laky, Melissa Thornton, Patrick Boyton*

Youth, Grades 6 to 12

Teacher: *Fonda Gormer*

Adult Discussion Group - Couples & Singles

Teacher: *Bill Burrier*

Men's Class

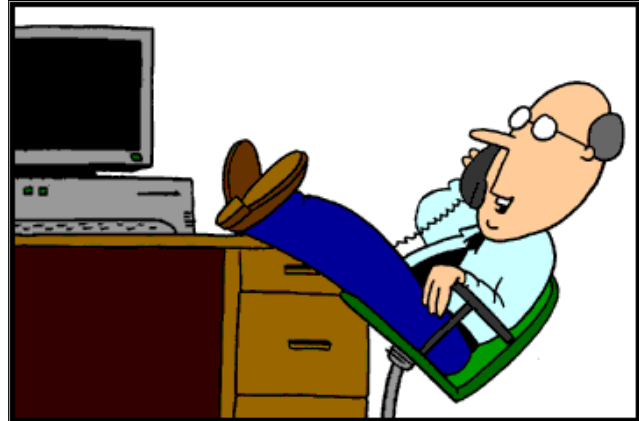
Teachers: *George Harne, Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman*

Women's Class

Teachers: *Mary Cline & Darlene Burrier*

Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. —Mark 16:15 New International Version (NIV)

Heavenly Humor



I haven't even turned my computer on since our new Christian boss told us we will be judged by our faith and not by our works.

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Some people enter your life as blessings, others as lessons.

Every time you smile at someone, it's a gift to that person.

If we want to love, we must learn how to forgive.

God is my boss and I'm the employee. I'm thankful for my salary called life with benefits called blessings. Amen.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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September 2019